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Deborah Hamp, director of operations and engagement with the Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre, holds cucumbers picked from the organization's garden patch on Thursday. In 2012, the food bank received more than one million kilograms in food donations. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

More than a million strong

Helping hands filling pantries. Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre received more than one million kilograms in food donations last year

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Talk about getting stuffed.

The Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre saw more than a million kilograms of food donated to the organization last year, and staff say the level of donations goes a long way toward helping the most vulnerable.

Announced at the organization's annual general meeting on Wednesday, donations were valued at about $3.8 million. Deborah Hamp, director of operations and engagement, said Saskatoon's community is always willing to lend a hand.

"We're very sincerely overwhelmed with gratitude by the amount of support that we receive from the community," said Hamp.

Hamp explained that although the amount of food donated last year seems high, with more than 12,000 requests for food a month, the organization has no problem finding a use for it.

"It's just a matter of staying consistent with what our community needs," Hamp said. "Right now, we do a pretty good job of meeting those needs, but of course at different times throughout the year, that can fluctuate."

According to the food bank's annual report, the one million kilograms of goods was distributed a variety of ways.

More than 700,000 kilograms has been used to help individuals and families and more than 53,000 kilograms has supported 41 local agencies.

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"People here really step up. Whether that's through volunteering or donating foods or funds.... What we're seeing is we live in a community where many people are no longer willing to tolerate the fact that so many of our friends and neighbours are living in poverty."

Deborah Hamp, director of operations and engagement with the Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre

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40-year low

Saskatoon sees 'dramatic' decrease in crime: Police

Canada is seeing less police-reported crime than it has in more than 40 years.

According to a report from Statistics Canada on Thursday, the Crime Severity Index (CSI) has dropped by about 28 per cent since 2002.

Statistics Canada attributes the decrease to an overall drop in the most common offences such as mischief, break-and-enter, motor-vehicle theft and disturbing the peace.

Clive Weighill, Saskatoon's police chief, said the trend is reflected in local crime dropping dramatically in the past 10 years.

"Overall year-to-year, we're seeing bigger decreases than most centres," said Weighill. "If we go back to 2003 ... and compare our crime rate at that time, our crime rate has come down 43 per cent."

Weighill noted while the nationwide drop can be attributed to a reduction in common crimes, the decrease in Saskatoon is likely a result of the SPS working hand-in-hand with provincial and local partners to address the causes of criminal activity.

"We work with the department of education, social services, health and corrections and public safety on different strategies to reduce crime," he said, "and in the city here we have lots of partners that we work with."

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Police say the crime decrease in Saskatoon is bigger than it is in most centres. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Sask. Diving Club steps in to host national competition

Short notice. Diving Canada on board to bring Speedo Junior Development Nationals to the Prairies

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Given a chance to take on a major sports hosting gig at the last minute, Saskatchewan has proven ready to dive in.

After the Talisman Centre in Calgary sustained severe flood damage this summer, the venue could no longer host the Speedo Junior Development Nationals diving competition as planned. So Diving Canada has announced that the tournament, on Aug. 3 and 4, will take place at Shaw Centre in Saskatoon for the second straight year.

The head coach of the Saskatoon Diving Club, Steve Carrol, said Thursday that the group's strong track record in the sport stood out when Diving Canada came calling.

"We did it well last year, and they know that," said Carrol. "We immediately said we can do it, and we want to do it."

However, with more than 100 registered divers between the ages of 10 and 14 from across Canada participating, there are challenges in setting everything up on a tight deadline.

Randy Fernets, director of industry, development and sport with Saskatoon Sports Tourism, said his organization assisted in the search for accommodations for all the divers and guests.

"They needed to be quick on this process because of what happened in Calgary, so we just assisted in that area," Fernets said.

He added that the $47-million Shaw Centre is beneficial to Saskatoon's economy, in allowing the city to hold such events.

"It definitely raises the profile for Saskatoon," Fernets explained. "It does assist the economy, and I think that's one of the messages we're always trying to get across to people."

Heather Bury, who works in sport and event sales with Saskatoon Sports Tourism, was instrumental in arranging hotels for divers and their guests on a tight deadline. JACOB MORGAN/FOR METRO

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Movement on residential-slope failure slowing, according to city

Still holding.
Geologist says slope likely won't crumble

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Less than a week after the City of Saskatoon expanded its investigation into a slope failure between 11th Street East and Saskatchewan Crescent East, it seems movement on the slope has slowed down.

The city ordered a voluntary evacuation for eight residences in the area after noticing a large jump in how fast the slope is moving — about 3.5 centimetres per day — but one geologist says that rate of movement isn't that unusual.

"It really isn't that fast," said Brian Pratt, a geology professor at the University of Saskatchewan. "What the city might be doing is trying to determine whether or not the slumping is starting to slow down or if it's pretty well near the end of the movement event — or if it's going to get worse."

Pratt explained that while movement is cause for concern in regards to the structural stability of the homes in the area, he's not too concerned about it giving way.

"You're not going to get swept up into it like an avalanche, but it could damage foundations and walls and so on," said Pratt. "It's not a question of the rate of movement, it's just the overall movement and if it's going to keep on moving — it will never become a turbulent flow."

Information from the city indicates the rate of movement on the slope has decreased since initial measurements in June, but a slower rate of movement doesn't necessarily mean the slope has stabilized. Instead, it may indicate pressure on the slope is building.

The evacuation order is still in place and city officials are asking residents to hire their own engineers to ensure their homes are structurally sound.

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Equipment used as part of a geotechnical investigation into the slope failure can be seen on 11th Street East in Saskatoon's Nutana neighbourhood. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Protesters condemn residential school experiments

Erica Lee, left, an organizer of the event, and Sheelah McLean, second from left, an aboriginal rights activist and founder of Idle No More, sit with protesters at Kiwanis Park on Thursday. JACOB MORGAN/METRO

A grassroots aboriginal rights movement, Honour the Apology, has sprung up — and is appearing in Saskatoon — in the wake of revelations that nutritional experiments were conducted on indigenous children at residential schools.

Protests took place across Canada on Thursday to call on the Harper government to recognize a 2008 apology it made for actions committed in residential school systems, and to accept responsibility for the experiments that occurred in the 1940s and 1950s.

In Saskatoon, between 70 and 100 people gathered at noon by the Vimy Memorial Bandstand in Kiwanis Park.

"Honour the Apology is meant to pressure the federal government to release the remaining residential school documents that haven't been released," said Erica Lee, one of the organizers of the local protest.

"She added that the awareness of the experiments has caused Canadians of all backgrounds to again pay attention to the treatment of First Nations people.

Sheelah McLean, who helped start the Idle No More movement last November, said she has been researching violence toward indigenous people for 10 years. She said the latest information does not surprise her. "I am grateful that it's becoming public, because teaching about it in small centres is not enough. We have to be able to talk about it as a larger society," said McLean.

Several speakers addressed the crowd during the protest, said McLean, including University of Saskatchewan native studies professors Priscilla Settee and Rob Inness, as well as members of the public. "There were a variety of people from the audience (who spoke)," she said. "That was really powerful." JACOB MORGAN/FOR METRO

Calling for improvements

NDP wants action from province on seniors' care

The provincial NDP is calling on the Saskatchewan government to make quick improvements to seniors housing. NDP Leader Cam Broten has been spending the summer touring seniors homes, listening to complaints about short-staffing and neglect and trying to pressure the governing Saskatchewan Party to address what he describes as insufficient care.

"I've been hearing some really troubling stories about situations where the level of care isn't as high as it should be," Broten said on Thursday from Weyburn, where he was visiting a seniors' care facility and meeting families.

"It comes back to short and under-staffing situations ... the instances where a call button goes off and help is not there, or someone goes unattended on a toilet for hours."

Broten wants the government to support minimum staffing requirements, release "overdue" reports from the health regions regarding seniors home care and to take action on the issues, which were hot topics during legislative sessions earlier this year.

Health Minister Dustin Duncan said the senior management of the regional health authorities toured the care facilities — a move that the NDP has heavily criticized — and put their findings in reports that are being analyzed by the Ministry of Health.

The reports, which will be released in the fall, cite issues with under-staffing and old facilities that need replacing.

Duncan said the analysis will help the government make decisions, though he added it's already taking action. "We are working hard to address these issues, but we really didn't wait for this review to begin," Duncan said, noting a $90-million allocation for 13 long-term care facilities in this year's provincial budget. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

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Standing by her man once again, but why?

The Good Wife. Many wonder why Huma Abedin continues to support Anthony Weiner

When Huma Abedin first started getting media attention years ago, some people couldn't help but wonder what this beautiful, ambitious woman and former aide to Hilary Clinton saw in then-Congressman Anthony Weiner.

That's a question New Yorkers might be asking themselves again after revelations that Weiner, now a candidate for mayor of New York, didn't immediately give up his habit of exchanging sexual pictures and messages to female fans after his humiliating resignation from Congress in 2011.

Abedin herself took a shot at an answer in an awkward joint news conference Tuesday, saying she had forgiven her husband and felt his marital indiscretions were "between us."

She offered an even more basic explanation in a first-person essay in Harper's Bazaar due on newsstands in September. "Quite simply, I love my husband, I love my city, and I believe in what he wants to do for the people of New York," she wrote.

Will that be enough to satisfy a bewildered public? Maybe not. But people who go searching for a deeper motive are almost certain to get it wrong.

"None of us know what's going on with that couple now," said Stephen Medvic, an associate professor of government at Franklin & Marshall College in Pennsylvania and author of the book, In Defence of Politicians.

"She made a statement," he said. "Let's leave it at that. Let's not try to put into somebody's mind what's not there."

In any case, Abedin now seems to be trying to shake off a cloud of humiliation, which seems an unlikely place for someone whose reputation as a top aide to Hillary Rodham Clinton was based on an uncanny ability to navigate the chaos of presidential campaigns and global diplomatic trips with the poise of Grace Kelly.

Born in Kalamazoo, Mich., Abedin moved as a toddler to Saudi Arabia, where her father, an Islamic scholar born in India, ran an institute that studied Muslim communities in non-Muslim societies, and her mother, a sociology professor, taught at a women's college.

Huma Abedin long worked by Hillary Clinton's side. Many have wondered why a successful, smart and stunning woman like Abedin would give all her love to Anthony Weiner. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Educated at George Washington University, Abedin entered public service as a White House intern and quickly established a special relationship with the then first lady. She has been at Clinton's side ever since, joining her Senate staff, then her presidential campaign before becoming her deputy chief of staff at the State Department.

By all accounts, Abedin has been more than a trusted employee. When Abedin was preparing to marry Weiner in 2010, Clinton said at one celebration that if she had a second daughter, it would be Huma.

Long known as a behind-the-scenes presence, Abedin began to attract more public attention after gushing 2007 profiles in the New York Observer and Vogue magazine, which photographed her looking like a movie star in a red gown.

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"Everyone is second-guessing the woman's decision.... You saw it with Hillary Clinton. 'Oh, she's manipulative. She's power-hungry.' We do this instead of recognize that marriage and love are complex."

Stephanie Coontz, who wrote Marriage: A History and teaches family studies at Evergreen State University

Virginia Johnson. Missouri farm girl turned sex researcher dies at 88

Virginia Johnson, the Missouri farm girl who helped redefine the understanding of human sexuality as half of the husband-wife team whose taboo sex studies in the 1960s turned them into worldwide celebrities and bestselling authors, has died. She was 88.

The pioneering sex researcher died at an assisted living facility in St. Louis on Wednesday after suffering complications from various illnesses, her son Scott Johnson told The Associated Press on Thursday. He said the family was planning a private funeral.

Johnson was in her 30s, a twice-divorced mother of two children, when she went job-hunting at Washington University in St. Louis in the late 1950s, seeking work to support her young family while she pursued a college degree.

She was hired as a secretary at the university's medical school but soon became the assistant and lover of obstetrician-gynecologist William Masters, then co-collaborated on a large-scale human sexuality experiment — a subject all but taboo at the time.

Virginia Johnson
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The couple became known for a revolutionary sexual therapy that brought couples from across the country with sexual dysfunction, including celebrities, to St. Louis for their two-week program.

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Maybe Weiner has advice?

Swedish politician accidentally posts revealing selfie

A Swedish politician who wanted to show his new tattoo to followers on a social media site accidentally revealed far more than he intended.

Lars Ohly, former leader of Sweden's Left Party, posted a picture of the English soccer club Liverpool's liver bird tattooed on his leg. What he failed to notice was that his genitals were visible in the background.

Ohly quickly removed the picture after posting it Wednesday on Instagram.

Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt, of the rival Moderate Party jested, "Congratulations — finally, after all these years you have made a genuine public breakthrough."

Ohly made light of the embarrassment and said he would be more careful when he posts online.

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Premiers vow to fight jobs training scheme

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne at the Council of the Federation summer meeting in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Thursday. AARON LYNETT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Controversy.
New plan would require provinces to cough up more than half a billion dollars

Canada's provincial and territorial leaders vowed Thursday to fight Ottawa's controversial plan to fund jobs training for workers, saying the new scheme would require them to come up with more than half a billion dollars in extra cash.

There's concern across the board over the Canada Job Grant, said Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, who is hosting the Council of the Federation meeting.

The Harper government wants to divert some of the money it gives to the provinces and territories to the new program, which would provide a grant of $15,000 per worker. The provinces and territories, as well as the employers, would each kick in $5,000.

But the premiers are worried that it won't give them enough flexibility to direct the money where it's needed most and could jeopardize existing provincially run programs. Small businesses aren't interested in taking part in this program either, Wynne said.

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Premiers' response

"There really was a very strong feeling that the program as it exists won't work."
Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne

If you took the quit smoking drug CHAMPIX between April 2, 2007 and May 31, 2010, your rights could be affected by the certification of a class action. Please read carefully.

The Ontario Superior court has certified a class action for Canadians who took Champix between April 2, 2007 and May 31, 2010 and allegedly suffered certain reactions. The Representative Plaintiff is Kenneth Parker.

What is the Class Action About?

The lawsuit seeks compensation for all class members. It alleges that, between April 2, 2007 and May 31, 2010, Pfizer Canada Inc. failed to adequately warn of the risk of certain psychiatric adverse events allegedly related to Champix.

Pfizer Canada Inc. denies the allegations, which have not been established, and is defending the lawsuit.

Who is Included in the Class Action?

All persons in Canada who took Champix during the period from **April 2, 2007 to May 31, 2010** and who, while taking or after taking Champix to help quit smoking, experienced any of the psychiatric adverse events or symptoms listed below:

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- abnormal thoughts or sensations
- seeing or hearing things that are not there (hallucinations)
- feeling people are against you (paranoia)
- feeling confused
- other unusual changes in behaviours

If you are a person who fits the above description, you are a member of the "Class". If you are a relative of a member of the Class who is entitled to make claims under any of the Dependants Statutes in Canada as a result of the death or personal injury of your relative, you are a member of the "Family Class".

If you are a Class member or Family Class member you do not need to do anything at this stage to participate – you are automatically included in the class action. You are encouraged however to contact Class Counsel for more information, and to discuss the steps necessary for preserving medical records that may be needed for any claim that may be advanced on your behalf.

You Must Opt-Out if You Do Not Want to Participate

If you do not want to be part of this lawsuit you must notify Class Counsel at the address below, in writing, by no latter than September 20, 2013, providing your name and address and indicating that you do not want to be part of this lawsuit.

If you are a Class member or a Family Class member and do not exclude yourself by that date you will be included in this lawsuit and will be forever bound by the court's judgment on the common issues, whether favourable or not.

What are the Financial Consequences?

If the action is not successful on the common issues, no class member will be responsible for legal fees or costs. The Representative Plaintiff has entered into a contingency fee agreement with Class Counsel for the legal work on the common issues. Class Counsel will be paid only if the action is successful.

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Presents for a prince. Mukluks, blanket among Canadian gifts

It may be a while before Prince George pays a visit to Canada, but the country's future king already has plenty of symbolic homegrown mementoes.

On their official website, Prince William and his wife, Kate, expressed gratefulness for the gifts they've already received for their newborn son but suggest well-wishers instead support those in need, such as a local children's charity.

Canada appears to be heeding the call. Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced a donation by the government of $100,000 to a Canadian child-focused charity to be named at a later date.

The young prince could soon be swathed in a Canadian handcrafted blanket, an additional gift Harper said is "reflective of our country's rich and diverse culture."

Fashioned from cream-coloured qiviut (muskox wool) with a white border, the Canadian coat of arms and Prince George's birthdate will be embroidered on the blanket, which is in the process of being made.

"These gifts symbolize our warm ties to our Royal Family, honouring our close and enduring relationship," Harper said in a statement.

Harper and his wife, Laureen, and Gov. Gen. David Johnston and his wife, Sharon, are also offering a personal present to the infant heir to the throne: a selection of Canadian children's books in both official languages. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Manitobah Mukluks, a gift from Shawn Atleo, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pay it forward

Good Samaritans spread some caffeinated cheer

Coffee was flowing free for hundreds of Canadians at three Tim Hortons locations Thursday as the act of one Good Samaritan appeared to precipitate a wave of copycat java generosity. Since Monday at least five cases of coffee philanthropy have been reported: one in Red Deer, Alta., Calgary and Ottawa, and two in Edmonton. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Criminal activity

Canada's police-reported crime rate falls again

Canada's police services are once again reporting fewer crimes, a continuing trend that has cut the national crime rate to its lowest level since 1972. The police-reported crime rate fell by three per cent in 2012 compared with the previous year, Statistics Canada reported Thursday. The severity of crimes was also down. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Protest game lets the faithful blow Pussy Riot members away

Grace invaders. Players zap band members before they can enter a cathedral

A video game that allows players to kill members of the feminist punk-rock group Pussy Riot has been released online.

The game Don't Let Pussy Riot into the Cathedral was first unveiled at a recent Orthodox festival held in Moscow and is available on Russian flash game website gg-flash.ru.

Using their mouse, players control an Orthodox cross to zap cartoon drawings of Pussy Riot members before they can enter a church.

If too many Pussy Riot members enter, the building collapses and the game is over.

Then, to register your score on the table, you are asked to enter your name to pay an "indulgence," in order "to absolve all of your sins to the servant of God."

The screen shows a cartoon image of St. Peter outside the gates to Heaven.

Maria Voskresenskaya, one of the game's creators, told Metro: "I can't judge Pussy Riot — do not judge and you will not be judged yourself — but I cannot approve of the act they've done. Such acts have no place in the Church. Even more so, politics should not (be) there."

Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, 23, Maria Alyokhina, 25, and Yekaterina Samutsevich, 30, were sentenced to two years in prison last August for entering Moscow's Christ the Savior Cathedral and singing "Punk Prayer for Putin", a song that called for the Virgin Mary to rid Russia of Vladimir Putin.

Samutsevich was later freed on appeal.

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Maria Voskresenskaya, one of the game's creators

Screenshot of the video game Don't Let Pussy Riot into the Cathedral. COURTESY GG-FLASH.RU

Hidden turret shoots at fugitive, self-destructs

About 10 bullets hit the driver's window, but the fugitive was out of the vehicle at that point, talking on his phone. TIMOTHY BERNARD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It was a lethal gadget right out of a James Bond movie: Remote-controlled gun barrels rigged behind the licence plate of a car that spray bullets at an unsuspecting target.

But South African police say it may have been an attempt to kill Radovan Krejcir, a Czech fugitive who was sentenced in his country last year to 11 years in jail for tax fraud and has been linked to underworld figures in Johannesburg.

Krejcir emerged unscathed from Wednesday's episode, which peppered his bullet-proof Mercedes Benz with impact marks.

The empty, parked vehicle where the weapon was hidden burst into flames after the shooting, possibly destroying evidence.

"All my life is like James Bond stuff," Krejcir said with a chuckle in an interview with Eyewitness News. "That's how I live my life."

And who might want to kill him? At first, Krejcir reportedly said he didn't know. Then he said that if he had any theories, he wasn't saying.

Photographs of the stolen red VW Polo show a dozen gun barrels, some of them melted or contorted by the fire that followed the shooting.

It was an accurate effort. About 10 bullets hit the driver's window, but Krejcir was out of the vehicle at that point, talking on his phone.

Security consultant Rory Steyn said on Radio 702 that there could be "any number of motives" for the incident, whether it was an attack on Krejcir or even something that he set up himself to appear like an assassination attempt. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Outside job?

Sean Newman, co-author of a book about a murdered strip-club owner, said he was in the area at the time and had a close look at the rigged vehicle. He suggested the skills required for such a job may have come from abroad.

- "It was definitely very sophisticated," he said. "My first impression was that this was not local."

Cheque please. Man sues casino that gave him $35K

A man who was robbed of more than $35,000 in gambling winnings sued an Ohio casino, arguing the cashier should have issued him a cheque instead of cash.

Police said 29-year-old David Hayes was robbed at gunpoint when two armed men woke him at home hours after he left the Hollywood Casino Columbus with his winnings Oct. 21.

Hayes says he asked for a cheque when he cashed out his blackjack winnings but was given cash instead.

And he claims the clerk wrote down his identification information, including his address, and held it up for him to confirm, making it "visible to anyone in the vicinity," The Columbus Dispatch reported Thursday.

Hayes claims the men who robbed him asked for "the money you won tonight."

Two men were arrested and charged after one of them began bragging about the robbery, said Joseph Landusky, one of Hayes' attorneys. They were scheduled for trial next week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Parole. O.J. Simpson says he regrets his 2007 heist

O.J. Simpson went before a parole board and pleaded for leniency on his armed robbery and kidnapping sentence Thursday as he expressed regret for his actions and described being an upstanding inmate.

Simpson also said he has become a counsellor of sorts to fellow inmates doing time for similar crimes and noted that he has made amends with his victims in a botched heist of memorabilia in a hotel room in Las Vegas in 2007. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trading my sorrows

"My crime was trying to retrieve ... my own property. Make no mistake, I would give it all back to these guys. They can have it all to get these five years of my life back." **O.J. Simpson,** to a parole board

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Bulgaria. Officials release name, face of Canadian accused in bus bombing

Bulgarian authorities distributed on Thursday the names and images of two wanted suspects — one of them Canadian — involved in a bomb attack that killed five Israeli tourists and a Bulgarian bus driver last year.

The first alleged terrorist is identified as Meliad Farah, also known as Hussein Hussein, an Australian citizen born Nov. 5, 1980. The second is Hassan El Hajj Hassan, a Canadian citizen born March 22, 1988, according to a statement of the interior ministry.

Canada's Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said in February that one of the suspects was born in Lebanon, came to Canada at age eight, became a Canadian citizen and then left at age 12. He said he assumed the man was a dual Lebanese-Canadian citizen.

Hassan El Hajj Hassan CONTRIBUTED

"I understand he may have been back to Canada a few times since then, but he has not been a habitual resident in Canada since the age of 12," Kenney said.

A third suspect, a suicide bomber who died on the scene, has not been identified.

In February, Bulgarian authorities said there were reasons to believe that the suspects were members of the militant wing of Hezbollah. Last week, Minister Yovchev said there were "clear signs that say that Hezbollah was behind the bus bombing."

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Lac-Mégantic disaster. Police raid railway office as company stays silent

Quebec provincial police have raided an office belonging to the railway involved in the Lac-Mégantic disaster, adding to a growing pile of legal concerns for the U.S. company.

Investigators searched for clues Thursday inside the Farnham branch of Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway (MMA) as part of their ongoing criminal probe into the derailment.

Farnham, a town between Montreal and Lac-Mégantic, is also the home of Tom Harding, the engineer of the train.

Lac-Mégantic's mayor announced earlier this week she had sent a lawyer's letter to MMA, demanding that it immediately reimburse the town $4 million for environmental cleanup costs.

Getting comfy

"We'll be in Farnham as long as it takes to gather all the evidence we're looking for there."

Quebec provincial police Insp. Michel Forget

Colette Roy-Laroche alleged the community had to pick up the tab for MMA because it failed to pay companies it had hired to mop up spilled oil.

The letter told the company it had 48 hours — or until noon Thursday — to respond.

A few hours after the deadline passed, Roy-Laroche told reporters that Lac-Mégantic never heard from MMA.

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Dublin

Man's body left to rot in occupied home for years

Irish police say a dead man's badly decomposed remains have been found in an occupied Dublin house and may have lain there, undisturbed, for four years.

Thursday's macabre discovery in the inner-city district of Phibsborough follows renovations to the property.

Police say the house's residents were illegal squatters and drug users.

They say the previous tenant may have died during a fire at the property in 2009, but his body was not seen by firefighters and eventually obscured by a broken piece of furniture.

A pathologist says the man appears to have died from natural causes, and DNA and dental records may be needed to identify him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This image taken from security camera video shows a train derailing in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, on Wednesday. Investigators tried to determine Thursday why the passenger train jumped the tracks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Train likely went twice speed limit

Spain derailment. Reason still unknown as authorities wait to question injured driver

A Spanish train that hurtled off the rails and smashed into a security wall was going so fast that carriages tumbled off the tracks like dominos, killing 80 people and maiming dozens more, according to eyewitness accounts and video footage obtained Thursday.

An Associated Press analysis of video images suggests the train may have been travelling at twice the speed limit or more along that curved stretch of track. The unanswered question is: why?

Spain's government said two probes have been launched into the train's derailment Wednesday night on its approach to a Christian festival city in northwest Spain.

The regional government in Galicia confirmed that police planned to question the 52-year-old train driver, in Santiago de Compostela's main hospital with unspecified injuries, as both a witness and as a possible suspect, but cautioned that possible faults in safety equipment were also being investigated.

80 km/h limit

192 km/h

The highest estimate of the train's speed based on an examination of video images.

Eyewitness accounts backed by security-camera footage suggested that the eight-carriage train was going too fast as it tried to turn left underneath a road bridge. Spanish officials said the speed limit on that section of track is 80 km/h.

An Associated Press estimate of the train's speed using the time stamp of the video and the estimated distance between two pylons gives a range of 144 to 192 km/h. Another estimate calculated on the basis of the typical distance between railroad ties gives a range of 156 to 182 km/h.

Train company Renfe identified the driver, Francisco Jose Garzon Amo, as a 30-year employee. Renfe's president, Julio Gomez-Pomar Rodriguez, told the Cadena Cope radio network that the driver had worked on that route for more than a year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Relatives wait for news at a victims info point in Santiago de Compostela, Spain. BRAIS LORENZO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spain enters three days of mourning

The Interior Ministry raised the death toll to 80 in what was Spain's deadliest train wreck in four decades. The Galician government said 94 others remained hospitalized, 31 of them in critical condition.

The U.S. State Department said one American was killed and five others injured. State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf said those numbers were "likely to change."

Changed forever

"July 24 will no longer be the eve of a day of celebration."

Alberto Nunez Feijoo, regional president of Galcia, of which Santiago de Compostela is the capital

Santiago officials had been preparing for the city's celebrated Catholic festival Thursday but cancelled it and took control of the city's main indoor sports arena to use as a makeshift morgue.

In the morning, Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, a native of Santiago de Compostela, toured the crash scene and went to a nearby hospital to visit the wounded. In the evening, King Carlos and Queen Sofia went to the same hospital, dressed in funereal black. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cops issue arrest warrant for gore website owner

Luka Magnotta video. Edmonton police try to track down missing Mark Marek, who was granted bail despite being called a flight risk

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Mark Marek, 38
EDMONTON POLICE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Edmonton police have issued a warrant for the arrest of Mark Marek, the "elusive" owner and operator of a gore website, who was charged with corrupting morals earlier this month.

Police are asking for the public's assistance in locating the 38-year-old, who was charged on July 17 for allegedly posting a graphic murder video online last spring that was sent to him by Luka Magnotta.

Police allege the video, titled 1 Lunatic, 1 Ice Pick, depicts the murder of university student Jun Lin, whose severed body parts were mailed across the country in the spring of 2012.

Marek appeared in court via CCTV on July 18. He was released on $7,500 bail and given a host of conditions to abide by, including not accessing the Internet.

At the time, Crown prosecutor Julie Roy said Marek was a flight risk and noted that when he was arrested, he was carrying his passport and $18,000 in cash.

Police said on Thursday that Marek had breached conditions of his bail and cannot be found.

A police spokesperson said when probation officers did a check at an address provided by Marek, he was not there.

Marek was arrested in Edmonton earlier this month after a lengthy investigation.

"This was a very long investigation. Basically our suspect was very elusive," EPS Staff Sgt. Bill Clark told reporters on July 17.

Ottawa prison

Harassed gay jail guard given $98K

A former jail guard who endured "profoundly humiliating" homophobic harassment at an Ottawa prison has been granted what a grievance board called its largest-ever award for a human rights breach.

Robert Ranger worked at the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre from 1998 to 2002, when he left because he said he couldn't take the taunts and gay slurs. Eventually, he went on long-term disability, suffering from depression and anxiety attacks to this day. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Scientists enthralled

Arctic cyclone chews up sea ice

Arctic scientists are watching in awe this week as a raging summer cyclone tears up what could become a record amount of rotting northern sea ice.

Cyclones are not unusual in the Arctic, but seem to be changing in recent years, said David Barber, one of Canada's top sea-ice experts.
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Elliot Lake collapse. Mall owner admits he could have fixed eroding roof

The owner of the crumbling Algo Centre Mall admitted Thursday he actually had the cash to fix the leaking roof but chose not to because it would have meant pouring money down the drain.

Testifying for a third day at the inquiry into the deadly collapse of the Elliot Lake, Ont., mall, Bob Nazarian said he sold a property he owned in 2009 — four years after he purchased the mall — then spent $2.6 million to buy another.

Why, commission counsel Peter Doody asked, didn't he instead put that money into fixing the roof?

"Because," Nazarian said.

"Because why?"

"The Algo Mall was a black hole. No matter how much money you put in ... that mall was doomed," Nazarian responded.

"Simply, I would not put my life in it. I worked 42 years to gather some (funds) for my family. I'm not going to put everything in this building."

The stunning admission came after days of testimony about how Nazarian had been desperate to finance repairs to the leaking roof, which caved in last summer killing two women. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rescue workers remove their hard hats as firefighters carry a second body out of the Algo Centre Mall in Elliot Lake on June 27, 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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Death toll in Syria's civil war now surpasses 100K: UN chief

Car bomb. 10 dead, 66 wounded in latest attack as international community attempts to find a solution

People gather near damaged cars that were burned after a car bomb exploded near Damascus. SANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The number of dead in Syria's civil war has passed 100,000, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Thursday, calling for urgent talks on ending two-and-a-half years of violence, even as President Bashar Assad's government blasted the United States as an unsuitable peace broker.

In the latest example of the relentless carnage, a car bomb killed at least 10 people and wounded 66 in a pro-regime area near the capital.

All international attempts to broker a political solution to the Syrian civil war have failed. Despite a stalemate that has settled in for months, both sides still believe they can win the war and have placed impossible conditions for negotiations.

The international community has been unable — and some say, unwilling — to sufficiently intervene to tip the balance in favour of either the Assad regime or the rebels.

The uprising against Assad's rule began in March 2011 and deteriorated into an insurgency with growing sectarian overtones. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Intervention

U.S., Russia step in to broker peace

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Thursday called on the Syrian government and opposition to halt the violence in the Syrian civil war, saying it is "imperative to have a peace conference in Geneva as soon as possible."

The UN chief spoke before talks with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, who stood nearby.

"There is no military solution to Syria," Kerry told reporters. "There is only a political solution, and that will require leadership in order to bring people to the table."

The United States and Russia are trying to convene an international conference in Geneva, along with the United Nations, to try to agree on a transitional government based on a plan adopted in that city a year ago.

Kerry said he talked to Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on Wednesday and both countries remained committed to bringing the warring parties together to further peace efforts.

No official date has been set because the opposition refuses to attend any talks that are not about Assad's departure. Syrian government officials say participation in the conference should be without preconditions but add that Assad's departure before his term expires in 2014 is not negotiable. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Slum pope' returns with message of hope

Large puppets that resemble Pope Francis, right, and the Virgin of Aparecida, Brazil's patron saint, stand tall among residents waiting for Pope Francis' arrival to the Varginha slum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on Thursday. Pope Francis will bless the Olympic flag, visit the slum and address young Roman Catholics in Rio de Janeiro's Copacabana beach on Thursday as Latin America's first pope continues his inaugural international trip as pontiff. VICTOR R. CAIVANO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Uganda

Opposition mayor under house arrest

Ugandan police say they have restricted the movements of the capital's mayor, an opposition politician who is a fierce critic of the country's long-serving president.

Police spokesman Patrick Onyango said Thursday that Kampala Mayor Erias Lukwago was placed under what he called "temporary suspension" on Monday and cannot travel around the city.

The mayor is effectively under house arrest and is constantly monitored by police who are trying to quell a resurgence of protests against President Yoweri Museveni, who has been in power for 27 years.

Frederick Ssempebwa, a law professor at Uganda's Makerere University, said the country has become "an autocracy" despite the regularity of elections.

Police accuse Lukwago of running a "hate campaign" against the government and insist their tactics keep the city safe for all residents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia. Rabbi left in grave condition after being shot by gunman

A rabbi was shot and gravely wounded Thursday by an unidentified gunman in Russia's predominantly Muslim province of Dagestan in what officials described as a hate crime.

Ovadia Isakov, 40, was attacked late Wednesday as he left his car and was walking home in Derbent, a city on the Caspian Sea, said Rasul Temirbekov, spokesman for the regional branch of Russia's Investigative Committee.

The rabbi has been taken to an intensive-care unit at a local hospital, where doctors are trying to save his life, Russia's chief rabbi, Berel Lazar, said in a statement. He said that a medical plane with a team of doctors will arrive shortly from Israel to help treat him.

Dagestan has become the epicenter of an Islamic rebellion that has spread across Russia's North Caucasus region after two separatist wars in Chechnya. Militants seeking to carve out an independent Islamic state mount near-daily raids on police and officials. They have also targeted Muslim clerics they considered their foes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A gunman shot and wounded Rabbi Ovadia Isakov in Russia's predominantly Muslim province of Dagestan in what officials on Thursday described as a hate crime. THE JEWISH TIMES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dubai rape-claim dispute points out a gaping cultural contrast

Understanding sex in the Muslim world. Mideast countries welcome foreigners with open arms, as long as they play by the rules

The couple stood before a Dubai judge. The charge was sex outside marriage — illegal in the United Arab Emirates and across nearly all the Muslim world — and the magistrate offered an option: Suspended sentences to the Pakistani man and Filipino woman if they agreed to wed. The man consented, but the woman refused. They are awaiting sentencing, which could bring jail terms of several months or longer.

The case in May grabbed some attention because of the judge's novel approach, but otherwise passed as a routine hearing on the misdemeanour docket in a city that relentlessly promotes itself as the new crossroads of the world.

Dubai's Islamic-influenced laws on sex, morality and how they are applied are now centre stage in a global debate following the legal battle of a 24-year-old Norwegian woman, Marte Deborah Dalelv. She was sentenced to 16 months in prison on unwed sex and alcohol charges last week after claiming she was raped by a co-worker in March. The alleged attacker received a 13-month sentence on similar charges.

Both were pardoned Monday after Dalelv's sentence stirred an international outcry — which was furthered by the decision to waive the punishment for the 33-year-old Sudanese man.

Officials in the United Arab Emirates, however, stand by the sentences. They say the decisions were in line with local laws after Dalelv withdrew the rape allegation in the apparent belief that she could then simply reclaim her police-confiscated passport and leave the country.

It also underscores the contradictory and potentially baffling messages sent by places such as Dubai. Its tolerant atmosphere permits indulgences such as unlimited-booze brunches and lavish Valentine's Day getaways, but spends far less energy on reminding foreigners that its laws are influenced by Islamic tenets that outlaw sex out of wedlock or even getting too amorous with your partner in public.

While enforcement is laissez-faire in Dubai — there are no active morality squads at work — the Dalelv case speaks to the wider contrasts across the region between what happens on the street, what is written in the law, and how much authorities warn visitors and foreign residents of the legal boundaries.

The potential for clashes could grow with places such as Abu Dhabi and Qatar's capital of Doha greatly expanding their international reach, including Doha hosting the 2022 World Cup. In countries that depend on tourism, such as Egypt and Jordan, the rising voices of Islamist groups could chip away at the traditional buffer given foreigners from laws about sex outside marriage.

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Outsider

"We were not harassed or questioned. But we were careful not to socialize with neighbours for fear of being reported. I have a lot of friends ... who live with partners outside marriage."

Abdullah Owaidat, a Jordanian living in Qatar, on living with his girlfriend

Marte Deborah Dalelv smiles as she arrives in Sandefjord, Norway. VEGARD GROTT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The sun sets behind minarets of a mosque before Iftar, the meal served at dusk when Muslims break their day-long fast during Ramadan, in Dubai. Dubai's Islamic-influenced laws on sex, morality and how they are applied are now centre stage in a global debate following the legal battle of 24-year-old Marte Deborah Dalelv. KAMRAN JEBREILI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Culture clash

Strict sex laws throughout the Muslim world affect foreigners far differently than locals.

- **Holidays and paychecks.** Parts of the Muslim world are magnets for tourism. Other points are increasingly important destinations for expatriate workers ranging from Western executives to labourers building and maintaining the sprouting skylines in the Gulf.
- In both settings, enforcement of unwed sex codes is mostly very relaxed out of necessity. Demanding marriage licences or applying other official pressures on visiting couples would threaten the lifeblood of tourism in places such as Morocco or Tunisia.
- Morocco's laws set penalties of between one month and one year in prison for unmarried sex between a man and woman, but that almost never applies to foreigners.
- **Shariah side.** Parts of the Muslim world that follow strict interpretations of Islamic law, or shariah, can impose death sentences for sex outside marriage.
- In Pakistan, punishment can be stoning to death or 100 lashes under laws issued in 1979 when strongman Gen. Zia ul-Haq ruled the country. Lawyers say there have been cases where rape victims were punished under the law, although not stoned to death, because they were not able to prove the rape claim — which needs the corroboration of adult male witnesses.
- **Not here.** In Gaza, controlled by the militant group Hamas, a cleric offered the improbable boast that sex outside marriage cannot be found in the territory.
- "Islam asks people to bear the burden of their pleasure" only through marriage, said Sheik Hisham Akram. "In our country, thanks (to) Allah's blessings, we don't have these kind of forbidden relations." Nevertheless, the law says violators could face up to six months in prison.

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Pirates of Somalia: Right back to where they started

Full circle. Gangs now providing armed protection for ships illegally fishing Somali waters, UN report says

Frustrated by a string of failed hijacking attempts, Somali pirates have turned to a new business model: Providing "security" for ships illegally plundering Somalia's fish stocks — the same scourge that launched the Horn of Africa's piracy era eight years ago.

Somali piracy was recently a fearsome trend that saw dozens of ships and hundreds of hostages taken yearly, but the success rate of the maritime hijackers has fallen dramatically over the last year thanks to increased security on ships and more effective international naval patrols.

Somali pirate gangs are also trafficking in arms, drugs and humans, according to a report published this month by the UN Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea.

The security services for fishermen bring piracy full circle. Somali pirate attacks were originally a defensive response to illegal fishing and toxic waste dumping off Somalia's cost. Attacks later evolved into a clan-based, ransom-driven business.

Up to 180 illegal Iranian and 300 illegal Yemeni vessels are fishing Puntland waters, as well as a small number of Chinese, Taiwanese, Korean and European-owned vessels, according to estimates by officials in the northern Somali region of Puntland.

Fishermen in Puntland "have confirmed that the private security teams on board such vessels are normally provided from pools of demobilized Somali pirates and co-ordinated by a ring of pirate leaders and associated businessmen operating in Puntland, Somaliland, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Oman, Yemen and Iran," the report said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Somali pirate Hassan stands near a Taiwanese fishing vessel that washed up on shore after the pirates were paid a ransom and released the crew, in the once-bustling pirate den of Hobyo, Somalia, in this 2012 file photo. FARAH ABDI WARSAMEH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Researchers excited over 200-year-old shipwreck

Oxidized copper hull sheathing visible on the bow of a wrecked ship in the Gulf of Mexico. NOAA OKEANOS EXPLORER PROGRAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Marine archaeologists are excited about the discovery of what may be a well-preserved 200-year-old shipwreck in the Gulf of Mexico.

Researchers led by a team from Texas State University in San Marcos are calling it the deepest shipwreck — 1,330 metres down — that archaeologists have systematically investigated in the Gulf of Mexico and in North America.

The remains 275 kilometres southeast of Galveston are "tantalizing," researchers say, because of the degree of preservation. Undersea images show an outline of an 25-metre-long, eight-metre-wide wooden hull and copper-clad sailing vessel, possibly with two masts.

"This site has such an amazing rate of preservation that these artifacts are in astoundingly wonderful condition and they truly provide a physical connection with our shared past," said principal investigator Fritz Hanselmann.

But the wreck is so deep that divers can't explore it. So, this week, researchers have used remote-controlled undersea vehicles to examine the remains and recover items with its robot-like arms — things such as ceramics, liquor bottles and an octant, a navigational tool. Other items spotted among the wreckage are muskets, swords, cannons and clothing. Hanselmann anticipated the artifacts will help answer questions about the vessel's age, function and cultural affiliation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wreck with no name

A Shell Oil survey crew notified officials in 2011 that its sonar had detected something resembling a shipwreck.

- Still unidentified, the wreck has been dubbed the "Monterrey Shipwreck," adopting the name Shell Oil had proposed for its development site.

Slavery reparations

Caribbean nations launch joint effort for compensation

Leaders of more than a dozen Caribbean countries are launching a united effort to seek compensation from three European nations for what they say is the lingering legacy of the Atlantic slave trade.

The Caribbean Community, an organization that typically focuses on rather dry issues such as economic integration, has taken up the cause of compensation for slavery and the genocide of native peoples and is preparing for what would likely be a drawn-out battle with the governments of Britain, France and the Netherlands. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gulf of Mexico

Fire out at gas well off Louisiana coast: Coast Guard

Officials say the fire is out at a natural gas well in the Gulf of Mexico that blew wild earlier in the week.

Natural gas stopped flowing from the well earlier Thursday, and the remaining fire had been fueled by residual gas. Authorities believe the flowing gas became blocked by sand and sediment in the well.

The Coast Guard and a spokesman for one of the companies involved confirmed that the fire was out at midday.

Air and water travel restrictions remain in effect in the area. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASA's IRIS spacecraft

New telescope brings 3rd rock closer to the sun

NASA is getting an unprecedented close-up look at the sun, thanks to a new telescope.

NASA's IRIS spacecraft, launched just a month ago, already is providing detailed pictures of the sun. The telescope's door opened last week, and it began observing the lower solar atmospheres in never-before-seen detail.

IRIS is short for Interface Region Imaging Spectrograph. It will continue its mission for the next two years. Scientists say the observations will help shed light on the sun's impact on Earth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BlackBerry cuts 250 jobs at test facility

Waterloo, Ont. Layoffs are part of next stage of turnaround plan, firm says

BlackBerry has given layoff notices to 250 workers at its product-testing facility in Waterloo, Ont., where the global smartphone company is based.

The employees, who supported the company's manufacturing, research and development efforts, were notified on Tuesday. "This is part of the next stage of our turnaround plan to increase efficiencies and scale our company correctly for new opportunities in mobile computing. We will be as transparent as possible as those plans evolve," the company said in an email.

The company announced plans last year to cut about 5,000 employees as part of its restructuring efforts.

BlackBerry is trying to recover a stronger position in the highly competitive smartphone market with its new BlackBerry 10 line of phones and operating system.

At the company's annual general meeting this month, CEO Thorsten Heins told shareholders that BlackBerry is in the midst of a "complex transition" that included a three-stage plan to become profitable again.

BlackBerry shares fell below $10 earlier this month for the first time since last year. The company has been under pressure since it posted quarterly results last month that fell short of analysts' largely optimistic expectations. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

A BlackBerry Q10 on display at the firm's annual meeting in Waterloo, Ont. on July 9. GEOFF ROBINS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Television. Survey tracks grim reality of job conditions

The market for reality television has exploded, with Canadian versions of The Amazing Race, Storage Wars, Big Brother and The Bachelor all competing for viewer attention.

But workers in the industry say they are being overlooked by some production companies intent on profits over the interests of their workers.

An exclusive first look by Torstar News Service at interim results of a survey taken by the Canadian Media Guild say workers complain that long hours, lack of security and benefits are some of the big issues that need to be addressed in the burgeoning industry.

"Factual TV is the new frontier and the business has really grown, which is great. But the downside to this is some workers who are saying that they've given their blood, sweat and tears in an industry that is open to abuse," says Karen Wirsig of the Canadian Media Guild. The union decided to conduct a survey after being approached by reality TV workers about working conditions, Wirsig says.

While long hours and demanding conditions are not unusual in the film and television industry, reality TV productions typically have smaller budgets, hire more freelancers and work on tighter deadlines, which could exacerbate poor working conditions, says the union. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Quoted

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Karen Wirsig of the Canadian Media Guild

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Saskatoon

Potash Corp lowers 2013 profit outlook

Potash Corp of Saskatchewan warned Thursday that its profits this year will be lower than previously expected with the prices of crop nutrients coming under pressure.

The fertilizer giant also posted second-quarter results that missed analyst expectations and announced a $2-billion share buyback program.

Although the pace of global fertilizer shipments was strong during the quarter, with buyers in all key markets actively snapping up supplies, prices have come under competitive pressure.

CEO Bill Doyle told analysts that the long-term prospects for the company are bright. "We understand that the perceived lack of a near-term catalyst to rapidly increase potash volumes and prices has left some investors on the sidelines for the time being," he said. "Yet we have always maintained that fertilizer is a long-term play." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Personal finance

Canadians' net worth tops $400K

Canadians are richer than ever, even if they also have near-record debt. A new report by Environics Analytics puts Canadian household net worth at the start of the year at over $400,000 for the first time in history.

The average household's net worth grew by 5.8 per cent at the end of last year from $378,093 at the end of 2011, while debt rose by a relatively modest 3.3 per cent. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Market Minute

DOLLAR 97.43¢ (+0.49¢)

TSX 12,669.14 (-3.16)

OIL $105.49 US (+10¢)

GOLD $1,328.80 US (+$9.30)

Natural gas: $3.65 US (-5¢)
Dow Jones: 15,555.61 (+13.37)

Ads. Condom commercial is too hot for Pakistani regulators

Pakistan's media regulatory agency has banned a condom commercial starring a sultry Pakistani model after it received hundreds of complaints the ad was too racy, a senior official said Thursday.

The 50-second television commercial shows a Pakistani couple wondering why their neighbour's new bride, the model and actress Mathira Mohammed playing herself, is working so hard to keep her husband happy. When asked about his secret, the neighbour smiles and holds up a pack of condoms made by Josh, which means excitement in Urdu.

"Bring Josh into your life," the neighbour says, just before explosions flash behind boxes of condoms on the screen.

Though mentioning strawberry-flavoured condoms, the ad otherwise isn't racy by Western standards. A conservatively dressed Mohammed greets her new husband's mother, feeds him by hand and knocks on the neighbour's door to get ice for a cold drink.

Josh is a subsidiary of DKT International, a non-profit group that promotes family planning and HIV/AIDS prevention, according to Josh's Facebook page. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Pakistani model and actress Mathira Mohammed appears in a banned ad for Josh condoms. SCREENGRAB/YOUTUBE

STOLEN: ONE PIANO, SOME DIGNITY

THE METRO LIST

Mike Benhaim
metronews.ca

1 Humble beginnings. As the Duchess of Cambridge pushed forth the fruit of the royal loom, global media granted her highness a rare modicum of privacy, forgoing details regarding distress of her sovereign regions or straining of the royal bosom. Nay, but whilst the revelation of the imperial moniker, George Alexander Louis, stirred such zeal amongst the multitudes, I reflected thusly to myself: "Why am I still watching this?"

2 Politics. British Prime Minister David Cameron announced a novel endeavour to filter out Internet pornography for his citizens. After all, everyone knows that most of the salacious content that appears on-screen arrives unsolicited and, if not for Cameron, this material would continue to present itself to innocent husbands, boyfriends and teenagers. Cheerio, good sir. And good luck getting re-elected.

3 Sextposed. In 2011, a sexting scandal forced Anthony Weiner to resign from U.S. Congress. Now running for mayor of New York, he's admitted the sexting continued, but refuses to withdraw his candidacy. After all, his wife remains staunchly by his side, saying, "Yes, he's made mistakes, but he's apologized. Sure, he made them again repeatedly, but I love him. Besides how do you think we met?"

4 Got it. Selena Gomez turned 21 this week and celebrated by legally having her first alcoholic drink. More importantly, every adult male that has seen Gomez's video Come And Get It, can now officially stop feeling dirty.

5 Bynes some time. Amanda Bynes is being held for mental evaluation after allegedly starting a fire in a California resident's driveway. Oh, so now a few nasty tweets, one little hit-and-run, bong out a window, shave your head, wear a crazy wig to court, start a small fire in the driveway, and suddenly you're crazy?

6 Who's coming? Scientists at Imperial College London have designed a concept mission to land astronauts on Mars. There has been news of other such missions over the last year, making me wonder why the major world governments keep telling us that global warming is not that big an issue, but seem to be fervently searching for other options. Here's the scary part: They'll use our tax dollars in the name of progress, but you know they're not taking all of us, right?

7 Fine-tuning. Last week, two men walked out with Toronto General Hospital's baby grand piano at one o'clock in the afternoon. I don't have much to add except that I once got caught stealing a candy from the bulk bin while shopping at Loblaws.

8 This week in 1996. The Spice Girls scored their first U.K. No. 1 with Wannabe. It would sell more than six million copies and win an award for best British-written single. "So tell me what you want, what you really really want. I wanna really, really wanna zig-a-zig-ah." Best-written single indeed.

9 Take a bow. This week saw the untimely end of character actor Dennis Farina. Farina, who played cops and criminals alike, actually worked as a Chicago police officer for 18 years. Some will remember him from Law & Order, and others from films like Get Shorty and Saving Private Ryan, but to me, he'll always be Cousin Avy from Snatch. Rest in peace, bub-beleh, we'll miss you.

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ZOOM

This'll ruffle a few feathers

ANDY RAIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

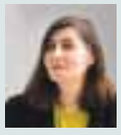
Giant cockerel takes its perch

A gargantuan electric blue cockerel has been unveiled on a plinth in London's most iconic city square. Hahn/Cock, a 4.72-metre-high fibreglass sculpture by German artist Katharina Fritsch, is perched next to sombre military monuments in Trafalgar Square and is meant to symbolize regeneration and rebirth. METRO

Double meaning

- The sculpture's title "hahn," German for "cock," carries the same double meaning as in English and is a deliberate double entendre.
- It mimics the Gallic rooster, the unofficial national symbol of France, yet is placed on a square that commemorates Britain's 1805 Battle of Trafalgar, a naval victory over France.

Artist's viewpoint



"I am making an image of a male animal. Women are getting more and more into the active role, they determine things, they make their way."

German sculptor Katharina Fritsch

Tough critics

"It's very ugly – a massive eye-ore. But that's modern art for you, something big and controversial — but I would like to try and climb up the cockerel."

Júlia Llaurado, 19, journalism student

Clickbait

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Looking for a way to share your filtered pics with your mom, grandmother and other non-Instagrammers? Why not show them off in the real world, too? With smartphone cams getting better with each generation, printing iPhoneography has gone from faux-pas to pourquoi pas. Some sites to help you out:

GETTY IMAGES

Canvas Pop
Turn your iPhone-photography into fine art. Just upload your photo (with or without a hipstamatic, Instagram filter) and within days they send you back a high-quality canvas. Free shipping, even to Canada!

Poster Jack
From posters to canvas to acrylic to stickers to even metal prints, Toronto-based posterjack.ca lets you turn your art into just about anything else. Ships all over Canada.

Mpix
Turn your pics into cards, calendars, even pins at mpix.com. Extremely user friendly, though it has a shipping charge for us Canadians.

Twitter

@metropicks asked: A coffee-buying Good Samaritan has sparked copycats. Would you spend hundreds on java for strangers? Why/why not?

@FrenchmanCanada: I wonder if some will be crazy/rich enough to do the same at @Starbucks #5DollarCoffee

@shehswings: Yes, but would make more sense if the coffees were distributed to less fortunate. Ppl stopping by Tim's can usually afford

Follow @metropicks and take part in our daily poll.

Letters and comments

RE: Shaming The Couch Critics, published July 24

Glib references to "banging the cafeteria lady at the YMCA" are never OK, even in the spirit Benhaim intended.

The point is undermined — and readers are alienated. Disappointed to find this kind of tone in what is usually a fine column marked by smart and sensitive writing.
Janet Gunn, Toronto

Well said. It's the old freak show made new. You have to have a certain personality to do this even for money. **Shamamama posted to metronews.ca**

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SCENE

Synopsis

Brandy Klark (Aubrey Plaza) is an overachiever. She's the publisher of her own magazine, Women With a Y, a straight-A student with a full scholarship to Georgetown University and her high school valedictorian. She's also a virgin, a status she hopes to change soon with the help of Rusty Waters (Scott Porter), a college surfer stud. Attacking her new project with the gusto that won her accolades in school, she gets the advice of friends and family (Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Alia Shawkat, Sarah Steele and Rachel Bilson) and makes up a sex "to do" list, applying the zeal that made her a mathlete.

- Richard: ●●●○○
- Mark: ●●○○○

Aubrey Plaza, left, and Rachel Bilson star in The To Do List. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Let's talk about sex

The To Do List. Teen sex comedy genre gets a gender twist as the female becomes the hunter looking for bedpost notches

Richard: Mark, if you're of the generation familiar with Snackwells and skorts, then this movie may resonate a little louder for you than it did for me. It's a cleverly drawn coming-of-age picture, set in 1993, that gets the tone of the times right — skorts and all — but it left me feeling as though I was watching a throwback to the sex comedies of the early '90s filtered through a 2013 lens. In other words, less innocence, more bodily fluids. What did you think?

Mark: One of the things I love about movies is how much you can learn from them. Richard, I had no idea how tough it is for an attractive young woman to lose her virginity! Well, live and loin. Switching the gender roles and making the teenage girl the aggressor was a nice touch, and setting it in 1993 made its pre-Internet sexuality seem almost believable. It's John Hughes with an R rating — not a bad thing. What did you think of Aubrey Plaza?

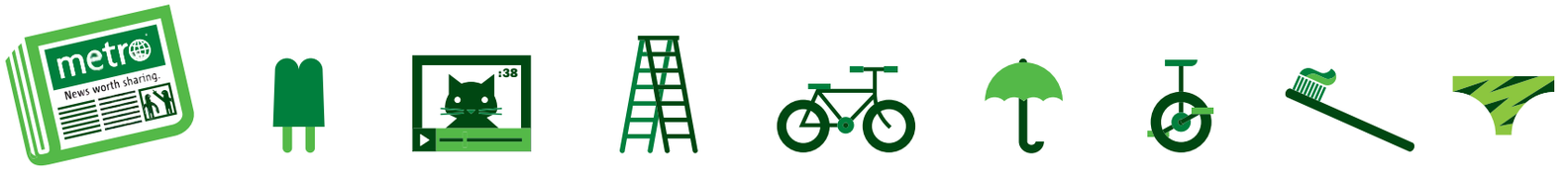
RC: I like Aubrey Plaza. I think if this part had been played by anyone else — imagine Emma Stone or Imogen Poots — it would have lost some of its charm. Plaza is naturally off balance, so the stranger moments of this movie don't feel forced or quirky for the sake of being quirky. As I said earlier, I didn't much go for some of the bodily fluid gags — or the gross Caddyshack tribute — but Plaza trying to vamp it up in an ill-fitting bathing suit is a really funny scene.

MB: I liked Aubrey Plaza too. She was just gawky enough to make the movie seem credible. In fact, the whole movie is well cast. Bill Hader has lots of great moments, and Plaza's two girlfriends are not the typical cuties you usually find in a teen picture. I actually think there's another influence working on this picture — Napoleon Dynamite. From the Idaho setting to the oversaturated colours, quirky rhythms and simple cinematography, there's a lot the two movies have in common, although this one seems more overtly commercial.

RC: Maybe more commercial, but telling the story from a female point of view is a nice change from the usual boy-centric sex comedy story.

MB: Richard, in spite of what some people may think, I am not, nor have I ever been, a teenage girl. But I found I could relate to the story, because although it takes place in 1993, it takes place in Boise, Idaho, which feels like 1973.

Sharability



Thriller

The Wolverine

Director. James Mangold

Stars. Hugh Jackman, Rila Fukushima

This may be the sixth time Hugh Jackman has moussed up his pointy mane to play the eponymous comic-book character but this latest version shows The Wolverine still has claws. Summoned to Japan by a dying, rich old friend, Wolverine winds up protecting an heiress from deadly yakuza, a toxin-spitting mutant and a (rather disappointing) giant samurai robot. Ridiculous as that sounds, The Wolverine's more crafty sequences (especially atop a speeding bullet train) help amplify the action's unravelling tone. **STEVE GOW**

Comedy/Drama

Frances Ha

Director. Noah Baumbach

Stars. Greta Gerwig, Mickey Sumner

The seventh film from Greenberg director Noah Baumbach isn't so much a traditional narrative as it is a character study of Frances (Greta Gerwig), an underemployed dancer struggling to find herself in New York City. It plays like a cleaned up black-and-white version of Girls; an emotionally rich and funny portrait of 20-something ennui. The supporting cast (including Girls star Adam Driver) is strong, but this is Gerwig's movie. Once again she hands in an authentic, affecting and wonderful performance. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Film news

New Zealand bans Elijah Wood flick

New Zealand banned a horror film starring Elijah Wood as a scalp-collecting serial killer from general release after the government deemed it too graphic and disturbing for the public.

The Office of Film and Literature Classification's action means Maniac — a remake of the 1980 slasher film about a killer who scalps his victims — cannot be screened anywhere other than film festivals or as part of academic study. DVDs of the film will not be allowed for sale. The government censor said in its classification that Maniac, which is shot entirely from the killer's point of view, contains graphic violence and "content that may disturb." The ban was condemned on Thursday by the film's distributor and organizers of the New Zealand International Film Festival, which will be screening it Saturday.

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THESE PAGES COVER MOVIE START TIMES FROM FRI., JULY 26 TO THURS., AUG. 1 TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Broadway Theatre 715 Broadway Ave.

The Act of Killing (STC) Sat 7 Sun 9
Charles Bradley: Soul of America (G) Fri 7 Sat 9:30 Sun 7
Fringe Festival (STC) Mon-Thu

Cineplex Odeon Centre 3510 8th St. East

Despicable Me 2 (G) Fri-Sun 12:30 Mon-Thu 1:20
Despicable Me 2 3D (G) Fri-Sun 2:55-5:25-7:50-10:15 Mon-Tue 3:55-6:30-9:10 Wed-Thu 3:55-6:50-9:10
The Lone Ranger (PG) Fri-Thu 9:45
Man of Steel (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:50 Mon-Tue 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:50
Monsters University (G) Fri-Thu 4:10
Monsters University 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:35-7:15
Now You See Me (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:05-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 1:10-4-7-9:35
The Smurfs 2 (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 1-3:50-6:30-8:55
This Is the End (18A) Fri-Sun 12:20-3-5:30-8-10:30 Mon-Tue 2:30-5-7:30-10 Wed-Thu 2:05-4:35-7:05-10
Turbo (G) Fri-Sun 12:25-2:45-5:05-7:25-9:40 Mon-Tue 1:55-4:30-6:55-9:30 Wed 4:10-7:15-9:45 Thu 1:40-4:10-7:15-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Wolverine (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:25
The Wolverine 3D (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 7:20-10:25 No Passes Mon-Tue 7:20-10:15 No Passes Wed-Thu 7:20-10:10

Galaxy Cinemas Saskatoon 347 2nd Ave. South

African Cats (G) Wed 11
Andre Rieu Live in Maastricht 2013 (STC) Sun 12:45
The Conjuring (14A) Fri-Sun 12-2:40-5:20-8:10-10:50 Mon-Tue 1:05-4:05-7:55-10:35
Despicable Me 2 (G) Fri-Tue 11:55
Despicable Me 2 3D (G) Fri-Tue 2:30-4:55-7:20-9:55
Fight Club (18A) Mon 7
Grown Ups 2 (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:50-5:30-8-10:35 Mon-Tue 12:15-2:50-5:30-8:05-10:35
The Heat (14A) Fri-Sat 2:20-5:10-8:05-10:45 Sun 5:10-8:05-10:45 Mon 1:20-5:10-8:05-10:45 Tue 7:10-10:05
Little Shop of Horrors (STC) Sat 12:45
The Lone Ranger (PG) Fri-Tue 10:30
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Pacific Rim 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 4:05-7:10-10:15 Mon 4:15-7:15-10:15 Tue 7:15-10:15
R.I.P.D. 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:25-2:55-5:25-7:50-10:25 Mon 12:25-2:55-5:25-7:50-10:20 Tue 5:25-7:50-10:20
Red 2 (PG) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:10-6:55-10:20 Mon-Tue 1-3:55-6:50-10:40
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Roxy Theatre 320 20th St West

Frances Ha (14A) Fri 7-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:30-7-9:10 Mon-Thu 7-9:10
The Iceman (14A) Fri 9:20 Sat-Sun 3:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 9:20
The Kings of Summer (PG) Fri 7:10 Sat-Sun 1-7:10 Mon-Thu 7:10

Rainbow Cinemas Saskatoon The Centre at Circle & 8th

The Croods (G) Fri-Thu 1:55-4:40-7:15-9:35
Epic (G) Fri-Wed 1:30-4:30-7:20-9:45 Thu 1-4:30-7:20-9:45
Fast & Furious 6 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-7-9:50
The Hangover Part III (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:25-7:10-9:55
The Internship (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-6:50-9:30
Mud (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:05
The Purge (14A) Fri-Thu 10
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Amanda Bynes ALL IMAGES GETTY

Amanda Bynes' folks aim to legally step in and save their daughter from herself

Amanda Bynes' parents, Rick and Lynn Bynes, are heading to court to request a temporary conservatorship of their troubled daughter, according to Radar Online. "Her parents will both be petitioning to be the temporary proposed conservators and want control of her personal and financial affairs," a source says, adding that Rick and Lynn "are hopeful that the judge will take into consideration that she tried to start a fire in a stranger's driveway and burned her pants in the process. Her behaviour is completely unpredictable and she needs long-term mental health help."

Twitter

@TomArnold
The fact that you keep writing me to help because @therealroseanne blocked you indicates to me that you were blocked for stupidity.

@pattonoswalt
"I started playing D&D as a fighter, then switched to thief, and then to druid..." -- from my unsold AMC pilot, BREAKING BARD

@JasonAlexander
So honored that the future King of England will bear the proud and noble name of "George". Serenity Now!

The Word

Bristling Baldwin gives shamed Weiner a hard time

Alec Baldwin is no Anthony Weiner fan. The former 30 Rock Star is calling for the scandal-prone New York City mayoral candidate to withdraw from the race after it was revealed Weiner resumed his habit of sexually explicit online conversations with women other than his wife after a similar scandal forced him to resign from Congress in 2011. "Weiner has only one problem that disqualifies him from the race and that is that he is clearly addicted to reckless behaviour," Baldwin writes in an opinion piece for the Huffington Post. "Weiner should quit, walk away, let some time wash over his reversals and re-emerge, another day, to attempt some future race for public office."

Miranda Kerr

Kerr lets us know what's afoot with husband Bloom

Maybe Miranda Kerr didn't mean to divulge so much intimate information about husband Orlando Bloom, or maybe it was a matter of poor word choice. Either way, the Lord of the Rings star is likely blushing.

While telling Into the Gloss about what sorts of beauty essentials she keeps in her bag, Kerr revealed, "I'm really a freak about my nails. Orlando and I share a nail thing — he has a bit of a foot fetish." Duly noted.

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Past Portugal's fortified sips

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Portugal's reputation as the world's premier fortified winemaker hasn't done it any favours when it comes to promoting its other wines.

Port is polarizing, and I've been asked more than once if all Portuguese wines have spirit added.

The country has been making non-fortified reds, whites, rosés and sparklings for centuries. None see a drop of spirit and all would get a lot more attention if it wasn't for their Spanish neighbours hogging all the Iberian Peninsula limelight.

Like all warmer climate countries, Portugal knows its way around a refreshing wine and Vinho Verde (or green wine) is its classic warm weather white. Though the northern region that shares its name makes other colours, it's the chillable white version that the locals reach for when temperatures rise.

Made from an eclectic blend of indigenous fruit, the Gazela Vinho Verde ($8.30 to $12.49) is a relaxed, citrusy thirst-quencher with a light lemony body, forward acidity and a zesty hint of fizz.

Served well chilled, or even over ice, it works amazingly well with summery dishes like barbecued chicken, shellfish and salads as well as fresh fruit and creamy goat cheese.

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The anatomy of grilled cheese

When you were a child, you thought like a child: grilled cheese sandwiches were made from slices of Velveeta melted between slices of skillet-toasted white bread. Now that you are an adult, it's time to update the sandwich for a more grown-up palate.

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Bread

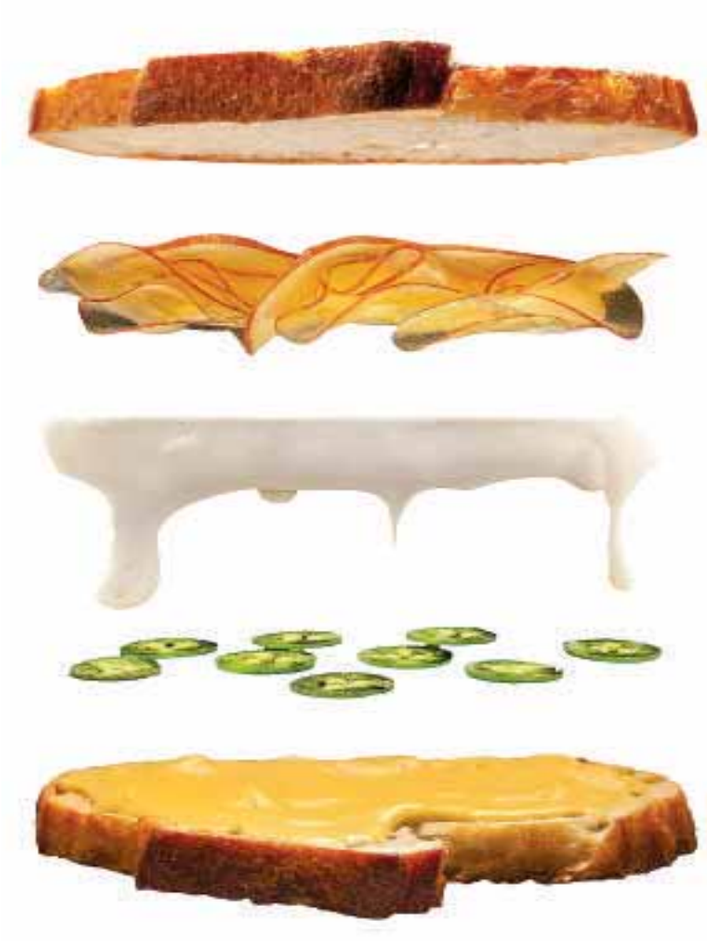
Begin by using better bread. In place of the squishy white stuff, try something with more substance: thickly-cut slabs of flavourful sourdough, sweet brioche or crunchy baguette.

Gooeyness

Next, add some interesting texture or flavours to the filling. Thin slices of sweet apple and spicy jalapenos complement sourdough slices nicely. The brioche makes a delicious and filling breakfast or brunch when stuffed with sliced ham, sautéed mushrooms and a fried egg. A baguette yields a bruschetta-like grilled cheese sandwich when dressed with fresh basil leaves, pesto and tomato confit.

Texture

You can use the fanciest, stinkiest, crumbliest cheese your heart desires if you borrow a trick from the food scientists at Kraft. Flip over a box of Velveeta and you'll find, among the other ingredients, the reason it melts so uniformly: sodium citrate. This white, crystalline ingredient is a salt of citric acid. You can buy sodium citrate at some brewer supply stores or order it online. Just dissolve 11 grams of sodium citrate into 1 1/8 cups (265 mm) of milk or water over medium heat, bring to a simmer, and gradually whisk in 285 grams of finely grated cheese (3 to 4 cups). As the cheese melts, the sodium citrate serves as an emulsifier and prevents the fat from splitting off to form a greasy slick on top. If possible, weigh the cheese because volumes can vary with the kind of cheese and fineness of grating.



Aged White Cheddar on Sourdough with Apples

For the cheese slices:
- 3 tsp (14 g) sodium citrate
- 1/2 cup (115 mm) water
- 6 cups (380 g) aged white cheddar cheese, grated

For the sandwich:
- 8 slices sourdough bread, 1/2 inch thick
- 8 very thin slices apple
- 3 tbsp(30 g) thinly sliced jalapenos

Lightly oil a baking sheet and heat it in an oven set to its lower temperature.

In saucepan over medium heat, dissolve sodium citrate in water, then bring to simmer. Add grated cheese to simmering water a handful at a time while whisking until all of the cheese is completely melted.

Pour the melted cheese onto the warmed baking sheet. Tip the sheet back and forth to form a single layer of even thickness. Cover the cheese layer with plastic wrap, and place it in the refrigerator until set, about 2 hours. Slice the cheese into pieces sized to fit your bread slices.

When ready to prepare the sandwiches, heat a large, heavy skillet over medium. Alternatively, heat a sandwich grill or panini press.

Butter the outward-facing sides of each bread slice, assemble the sandwiches, each with a slice of cheese, a slice of apple and a bit of the jalapenos. Add a sandwich to the skillet and pan-fry until the bread is golden brown and the cheese is melted, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Repeat with remaining sandwiches.

CFL

Pierce perturbed by Blue Bombers' QB decision

The Calgary Stampeders will make a game-day call on their starting quarterback, but the Winnipeg Blue Bombers have locked in backup Justin Goltz for Friday.

Regular Winnipeg starter Buck Pierce didn't seem too pleased with the decision Thursday — not that he didn't wish Goltz well, but he said he feels healthy enough to play.

"I'm a teammate first and that's what I'll be," he said.

"Am I happy about it? You know no I'm not, but I want to make sure that we go out there and we perform." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tennis

Fragile Federer falls early on home turf

Roger Federer slumped to a stunning defeat against No. 55 Daniel Brands in the Swiss Open second round Thursday, his third straight exit against a low-ranked opponent. The German right-hander won 6-3, 6-4 in just 65 minutes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pats trying to move on

"The fate of our season is going to be determined by the guys in the locker-room."

Patriots QB Tom Brady says he hopes his team won't be affected by the attention former teammate Aaron Hernandez is getting for his arrest on a murder charge.

Riders walking before they run with Durant

CFL. Roughriders head coach Chamblin says star quarterback will be game-time decision versus Tiger-Cats

Riders star quarterback Darian Durant is questionable for Saturday night's game against the Ticats. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

The boot was off but Saskatchewan Roughriders head coach Cory Chamblin won't rush his decision regarding quarterback Darian Durant's status.

Durant took limited reps in practice Thursday after missing Wednesday's session with his injured right foot back in a walking boot. Chamblin will wait as long as he can before deciding whether Durant will play Saturday in Guelph, Ont., versus the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

"It is a game-time decision and I really mean that," Chamblin told reporters. "He did enough (Thursday) to where he made it through and he got the reads that he needed.

"If it doesn't swell up and do all of those other things, we'll probably see him on game day."

Durant, 30, injured his foot in a 39-28 road win over the Toronto Argonauts on July 11. He wore the boot early last week before shedding it to resume practising and eventually start against Hamilton.

Durant showed no signs Sunday of the foot bothering him, completing 20-of-32 passes for 347 yards and four TDs in a convincing 37-0 home win over the Ticats. Durant also ran twice for 18 yards and was named the CFL's offensive player of the week.

But Durant said Wednesday the foot began bothering him after the game and he put the boot back on to take pressure off it.

Saskatchewan (4-0) is the CFL's only unbeaten team and Durant has been a big part of that. Durant has thrown a league-leading 12 TD passes and has yet to surrender an interception.

But if Durant can't play, sophomore Drew Willy would make his second career CFL start.

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Week 5 pick

The Riders rolled to a 37-0 home win over Hamilton on Sunday. It's unclear if Saskatchewan quarterback Darian Durant will play in the rematch in Guelph, Ont.

Durant, who was back wearing a walking boot Wednesday, leads the CFL in TD passes with no picks and his efficiency rating of 136.9 is tops among starters.

If Durant can't play, Kory Sheets (572 yards) will be an even more important figure for the Riders.

If the Rider defence has a weakness, it's the pass. They're allowing a league-high 305 yards in the air while Hamilton's pass attack is No. 2 in the CFL at 284 yards per contest.

But without Andy Fantuz last week, the Riders had little trouble containing the Ticats' passing game.

Pick: Saskatchewan

Steele-ing the show early in Oakville, Ont.

Brendan Steele chips a shot on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Even though half the field had yet to play on Thursday, the first round of the 2013 RBC Canadian Open was largely decided by noon.

Brendan Steele held on to his early clubhouse lead to win the first round of the Canadian Open after shooting a 7-under 65, with no golfer in the afternoon grouping able to crack the top five of the $5.6-million PGA Tour event in Oakville, Ont.

Joe Affrunti came closest. His 4-under 68 performance tied him for seventh.

"Today was probably the most complete round that I've had all year, so that was kind of nice," said Steele. "Didn't miss many greens, didn't hit many shots off line, and I was able to roll a few putts in."

The 30-year-old Steele played consistent golf over the par-72, 7,253-yard Glen Abbey Golf Course, only bogeying the par-4 ninth hole. Steele had eight birdies, five on the front nine alone.

Scott Gardiner, Matt Kuchar and Scott Brown all tied for second, one shot off the pace.

DeLaet ugly early

Weyburn's Graham DeLaet struggled in the morning group, triple bogeying on the par-4 14th hole. He recovered on his final five holes to finish the round at par.

Gardiner was tied for first after a birdie on the par-3 15th hole, but he bogeyed on the next hole to drop back into a tie with Kuchar and Brown.

"Actually, didn't hit that bad a drive on 16, and went left and got stuck behind a tree and had to lay up," said Gardiner. "And then I hit a pretty good (shot), I missed a four foot putt. That was a struggle, but the rest of the shots I was fairly happy with. But then a couple of the tee shots there on the last."

Ottawa's Brad Fritsch was the top Canadian after a 3-under 69 performance. He birdied his final three holes to pass David Hearn of Brantford, Ont., on the leaderboard. Hearn finished 2 under.

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4 SPORTS

Buehrle, Blue Jays beat up Astros to end losing streak

MLB. Veteran tosses complete-game shutout to give tired bullpen a break

On Thursday

Blue Jays	Astros
4	0

All it took to end the Toronto Blue Jays' losing streak was a visit from the lowly Houston Astros.

Starter Mark Buehrle pitched a two-hit shutout and the Blue Jays' offence came up big in timely situations to beat the Astros 4-0 Thursday night in Toronto. It was their first victory since July 13, and it snapped a seven-game skid.

Players insisted after another heartbreaking loss Wednesday that hopelessness was not taking over in the Blue Jays' club house, that the focus was on the next day and the next game. In last place in the American League East, 14 1/2 games back and 10 games under .500, that was perhaps the only approach to take.

Thursday was all about Buehrle, the innings-eating left-hander who was supposed to bring veteran consistency to the starting rotation. Manager John Gibbons knew his bullpen was tired after pitching 13 1/3 innings in the series against the Los Angeles Dodgers, so he was counting on Buehrle to have a long night.

Buehrle (6-7) did just that. He tossed his 28th career complete game and first with the Blue Jays, mowing down the Astros with methodical efficiency.

The 34-year-old struck out nine and walked only two.

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Mark Buehrle pitched a two-hit shutout Thursday to help the Jays beat the Astros 4-0, ending their seven-game losing streak. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

MLB. A-Rod says he wants to play for Yankees Friday

Alex Rodriguez says he's ready to rejoin the New York Yankees.

A day after a doctor retained by A-Rod contradicted the team's diagnosis of a strained quadriceps, Rodriguez pushed for the Yankees to activate him from the disabled list for Friday's homestand opener against Tampa Bay.

Rodriguez, who has been sidelined since hip surgery in January, earns $153,005 each day during the season. He is among the players under investigation by MLB for alleged links to a now-closed clinic accused in media reports of distributing banned performance-enhancing drugs.

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A-Rod for criticism

"I'm excited and ready to play and help this team win a championship."

Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez

NHL

Leafs sign Nonis to 5-year extension

These Toronto Maple Leafs were built in Brian Burke's image of truculence and grit. Six months after taking over as general manager, Dave Nonis hasn't drastically overhauled the roster.

But the moves he has made so far were enough to earn Nonis a five-year contract extension that gives him some long-term security.

Dave Nonis
THE CANADIAN PRESS

In announcing the extension, Maple Leafs Sports & Entertainment president and CEO Tim Leiweke said ownership and management "felt it critical" to extend Nonis's deal now as a reward for the team's progress. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	61	42	.592	—
Tampa Bay	60	42	.588	½
Baltimore	57	45	.559	3½
New York	54	48	.529	6½
Toronto	46	55	.455	14

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	56	45	.554	—
Cleveland	53	48	.525	3
Kansas City	47	51	.480	7½
Minnesota	43	55	.439	11½
Chicago	40	59	.404	15

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	59	42	.584	—
Texas	56	46	.549	3½
Seattle	48	53	.475	11
Los Angeles	47	52	.475	11
Houston	34	67	.337	25

Thursday's results
N.Y. Yankees 2 Texas 0
Chicago White Sox 7 Detroit 4
Toronto 4 Houston 0
Tampa Bay at Boston, postponed
Baltimore at Kansas City
L.A. Angels at Oakland
Minnesota at Seattle
Wednesday's results
Oakland 4 Houston 3
L.A. Angels 1 Minnesota 0
Cleveland 10 Seattle 1
L.A. Dodgers 8 Toronto 3 (10)
Tampa Bay 5 Boston 1
Texas 3 N.Y. Yankees 1
Kansas City 4 Baltimore 3
Detroit 6 Chicago White Sox 2
Friday's games — All times Eastern
Texas (Perez 3-3) at Cleveland (Kluber 7-5), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Dempster 5-8) at Baltimore (Tillman 12-3), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Archer 5-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 9-8), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Lyles 4-4) at Toronto (Dickey 8-11), 7:07 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hamels 4-12) at Detroit (Fister 8-5), 7:08 p.m.
Kansas City (Shields 4-7) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 5-2), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Williams 5-6) at Oakland (Colon 13-3), 10:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Diamond 5-9) at Seattle (Hernandez 11-4), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	57	45	.559	—
Philadelphia	49	53	.480	8
Washington	49	53	.480	8
New York	45	53	.459	10
Miami	38	62	.380	18

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	62	37	.626	—
Pittsburgh	60	40	.600	2½
Cincinnati	58	44	.569	5½
Chicago	45	54	.455	17
Milwaukee	42	59	.416	21

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	53	47	.530	—
Arizona	52	49	.515	1½
Colorado	49	54	.476	5½
San Francisco	46	55	.455	7½
San Diego	46	57	.447	8½

Thursday's results
N.Y. Mets 7 Atlanta 4
Washington 9 Pittsburgh 7
San Diego 10 Milwaukee 8
Miami 5 Colorado 3
St. Louis 3 Philadelphia 1
Chicago Cubs at Arizona
Cincinnati at L.A. Dodgers
Wednesday's results
Pittsburgh 4 Washington 2
Atlanta 8 N.Y. Mets 2
Milwaukee 3 San Diego 1
St. Louis 11 Philadelphia 3
Colorado 2 Miami 1
Chicago Cubs 7 Arizona 6 (12)
Cincinnati 8 San Francisco 3
Friday's games — All times Eastern
N.Y. Mets (Mejia 0-0) at Washington (Zimmermann 12-5), 1:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Harvey 8-2) at Washington (Ohlendorf 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Locke 9-2) at Miami (Alvarez 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 13-5) at Atlanta (Minor 9-5), 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee (Peralta 7-9) at Colorado (Chatwood 6-3), 8:40 p.m.
San Diego (Stults 8-8) at Arizona (Delgado 2-3), 9:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bailey 5-9) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 9-6), 10:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Jackson 6-11) at San Francisco (Cain 6-6), 10:15 p.m.

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pts
Toronto	4	2	2	0	118	116	4
Montreal	4	1	3	0	90	112	2
Hamilton	4	1	3	0	79	126	2
Winnipeg	4	1	3	0	91	109	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pts
Saskatchewan	4	4	0	0	151	67	8
Calgary	4	3	1	0	125	109	6
B.C.	4	3	1	0	104	84	6
Edmonton	4	1	3	0	72	107	2

Thursday's result
Edmonton at Montreal
Friday's game — All times Eastern
Calgary at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Saturday's game
Saskatchewan at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF

RBC CANADIAN OPEN

At Oakville, Ontario
Par 288
First round

Brendan Steele	65
Scott Brown	66
Scott Gardiner	66
Matt Kuchar	66
David Lingmerth	67
Hunter Mahan	67
Joe Affrunti	68
Aaron Baddeley	68
Kevin Chappell	68
Trevor Immelman	68
Also	
Brad Fritsch	**69**
David Hearn	**70**
Corey Conners	**71**
Roger Sloan	**71**
Graham DeLaet	**72**
Eric Banks	**73**
Mike Weir	**73**
Mackenzie Hughes	**74**
Peter Laws	**74**
Stephen Ames	**74**
Riley Wheeldon	**75**
Eugene Wong	**75**
Adam Svensson	**76**
Bryn Parry	**77**
Kevin Carrigan	**77**
Albin Choi	**77**
Adam Hadwin	**78**
Brian Hadley	**79**

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Take care of your health today because you could easily overdo it. That applies to social activities, especially. By all means have fun but respect your limits. Yes, you do have them, just like everyone else.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Why are you afraid to ask for advice? Maybe it's because you fear you will be told the one thing you don't want to hear. The point is it's the one thing you most need to hear.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Even Geminis have days when their emotions get the better of them and this may be one for you. Whatever others may say or do, you are advised to take none of it seriously.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You may be flattered by someone's attention but are they being sincere? According to the planets, they may be buttering you up because there is something they want from you. Find out what it is.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
There is one more obstacle you need to find a way past before you are free to chart a new course. It does not matter how you deal with it so long as you make a choice and stick to it.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Try not to come on too strong, either in your personal life or at work, because people may take it the wrong way. You know how much you hate being told what to do. Well, they feel that way too.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may wish that someone would be more careful about the company they keep but you must not be too forceful about it. If you insist they steer clear, they will most likely do the opposite just to spite you.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
No one is following you and no one is planning to trip you up. So why do you feel this way? Maybe it's just your guilty conscience — again.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Sometimes you can impose your will on others but it won't be so easy today. In fact, the more you try to tell others what to do, the more they will do something different.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may be tempted to disappear for a while, to leave the mad world behind you, but the planets say you should stay right where you are and do something decisive. Running never solves any problem.

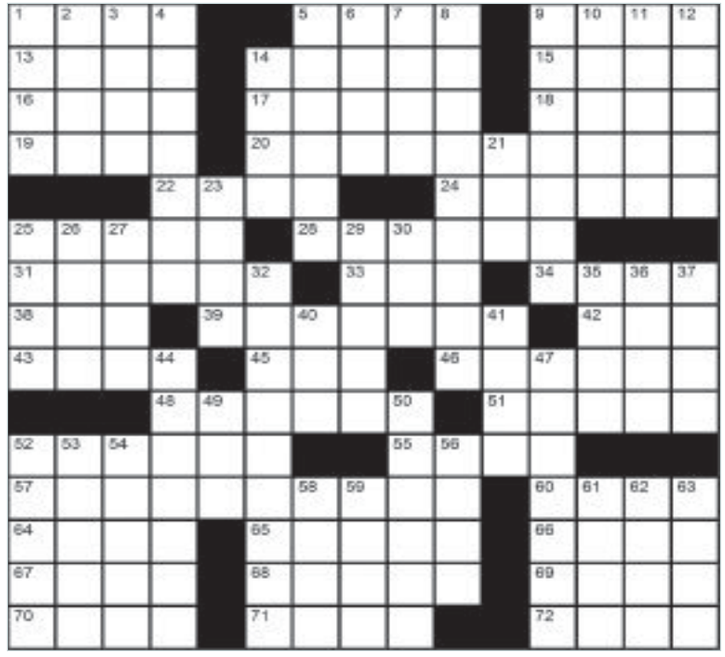
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Do something practical to help a friend in need but draw the line at giving them money. They may mean it when they promise to pay you back soon but the planets warn they may not be able to.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
A friend is feeling low and needs some kind words. Who better than Pisces to say the right things? Remind them why life is always worth living — and while you're at it remind yourself. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

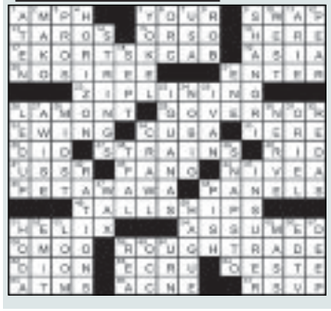
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Be at the beach
5. Atkins = Low-__ diet
9. Famed NYC music club
13. Lima's land
14. Work at a wedding reception
15. Seed covering
16. Actress Ms. Arden's
17. O2 __ (Venue in London, England)
18. Network of nerves
19. Work station item
20. "Cruel Summer" group
22. Kiln kind
24. Quake's quiver
25. Library literature
28. Waves enthusiast
31. Spellbound
33. __-expressionism (Art movement)
34. Modify the magazine
38. "___ dreaming?" (Is this real?)
39. Crews on ships
42. 1990s trial Judge
43. Large, informally
45. Wheat: French
46. Dishearten
48. Hotel's car attendants
51. Workshop machine
52. Ask for _ __ (Request more money at work)
55. __ _ aka Sporty Spice
57. Decongestant __ __ (Pharmacy product)
60. Genghis __ (Mongol emperor)
64. Backbone
65. "Tortoise Wins by _ __" (1943) starring Bugs Bunny
66. Kilometre's counterpart
67. Decorate anew
68. Endures
69. Munitions
70. River of Flanders
71. Very: French
72. Clean-cut

Down
1. Did this, got a ticket
2. "__ Got Tonite" by Bob Seger
3. Wraths
4. 'Cottage Country' in Ontario, __ Lakes
5. Jeweller's fave veggies?
6. _ ___ (Bo Derek in her breakthrough film)
7. Actress Ms. Sofer
8. Wayne Gretzky's Ontario hometown
9. Actress, Tia __
10. Shiny-scaled fish
11. US naval base in Cuba, commonly
12. Cloudiness of vision
14. Metered rides
21. Depeche Mode song: "People __ People"
23. Snake sorts
25. Glow with happiness
26. "You Can Count __ __" (2000)
27. Unique, for short
29. Not yet rented
30. Speedwagon's musical partner
32. Product by Canadian brand Windsor: 2 wds.
35. __ Coke
36. Mosquito bite reaction
37. Carry
40. 'Duct' suffix (Malleable)
41. Buy and __, as stock
44. __-style sunglasses
47. "The Wolverine" (2013) star Hugh
49. Non-verbal communication syst.
50. Brains
52. Steamed
53. Some restaurant steak orders
54. Record's spot for the hit
56. "For Your __ Only" (1981)
58. Racehorse flick, "__ Lap" (1983)
59. Tear down, variantly
61. Take on a new employee
62. City in Quebec
63. Up-in-a-tree sight

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
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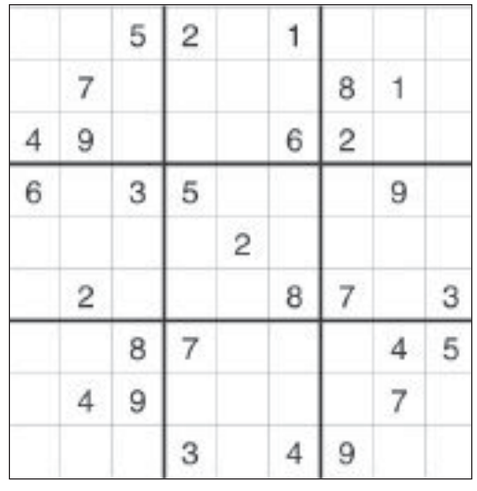

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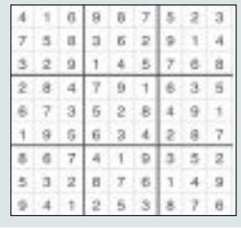

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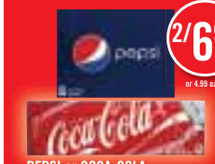

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SUPER BOXED DIAPERS
Selected Types & Sizes

HUGGIES or PAMPERS BABY WIPES
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Selected Types

4.49 each

TRESEMMÉ
SHAMPOO or CONDITIONER
700mL - 900mL
Selected Types

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Selected Types

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Selected Types

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